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STATEMENT OF RELATEDNESS

Assistant Commissioner  
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Sir:

In satisfaction of the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, and in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant wishes to draw the attention of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to the references cited on the accompanying form PTO-1449. Since copies of the references were provided by the applicant or the examiner in the following application, 09/256,943, filed February 24, 1999, none of the references are enclosed.

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With respect to patent applications, the applicants point out their duty under M.P.E.P. §2001.06(b) to disclose relevant patent applications of which they are aware. To this end, the applicants draw the Examiner's attention to the following patent applications:

1. U.S.S.N. No. 09/256,943, filed February 24, 1999, upon which the instant application relies on for its priority date.
2. U.S.S.N. No. 08/944,850, filed October 6, 1997; U.S.S.N. No. 09/287,573, filed April 6, 1999.
3. U.S.S.N. No. 09/033,462, filed March 2, 1998; U.S.S.N. No. 09/260,963, filed March 2, 1999.
4. U.S.S.N. No. 08/818,199, filed March 14, 1997; U.S.S.N. No. 09/151,877, filed September 11, 1998; U.S.S.N. No. 09/450,829, filed November 29, 1999.
5. U.S.S.N. No. 09/316,154, filed May 21, 1999.
6. U.S.S.N. No. 09/189,543, filed November 10, 1998; U.S.S.N. No. 09/344,526, filed June 24, 1999, and an application filed December 23, 1999, entitled "Decoding of Array Sensors with Microspheres." U.S.S.N. No. has not been assigned yet.
7. U.S.S.N. No. 09/315,584, filed June 20, 1999.
8. U.S.S.N. No. 09/425,633, filed October 22, 1999.

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9. An application entitled "Apparatus and Method for Separation of Liquid Phases of Different Density and for Fluorous Phase Organic Synthesis," filed January 28, 2000. U.S.S.N. No. has not been assigned yet.

None of the foregoing references are believed to disclose the invention as claimed. Nothing herein shall constitute an admission concerning the contents of any of the cited references, nor shall the inclusion of a reference herein be considered an admission that the reference constitutes prior art against the invention claimed in the above-identified application. Submission of the present document shall not be construed as an admission that a search has been made or that better art does not exist.

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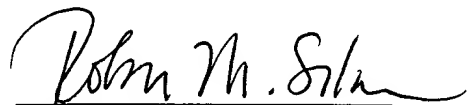
An additional copy of this Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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